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## MEETING SUMMARY

*(To view the PowerPoint presentations from this meeting, [click here](#).)*

Jim Ake opened the meeting and those in attendance introduced themselves.

## Q&A

Question was asked about the agenda setting process of the Plan Commission meetings. It was noted that Plan Commission meetings are generally more streamlined than they used to be, and also that citizens had a right to be heard despite how long the meetings took.

Question was asked about businesses coming to Westfield. A discussion was held regarding business recruitment strategies in Westfield and surrounding communities.

## Stormwater Update – Jeremy Lollar

Jeremy Lollar, Director of Public Works, gave an update on what Westfield is doing to handle stormwater issues. Gave a history of stormwater regulations, noted that it is locally funded. Proposing new rate for stormwater fee would be based on development's use of impervious areas (impervious area method). This would include driveways, rooftops, concrete, outbuildings. Rates would be divided into residential, agricultural, commercial / industrial and unimproved property (vacant lots).

As part of the changes, credits will be given to mostly commercial development who go above and beyond what is required.

The city does work with the County regarding stormwater planning, especially regarding regulated drains.

The city cannot go on private property, but this will give the city the resources to help HOA's with stormwater issues.

Proposed budget is \$1.2M. This budget would go towards operations costs and special projects. March 14th Council meeting is when the budget will go before the Council for introduction.

#### **Street Resurfacing – Jeremy Lollar**

Jeremy Lollar, Director of Public Works, gave a presentation regarding paving and resurfacing. Westfield uses the PASER Rating System to determine what action should be taken regarding particular roads based on their condition. The City's funding for road repair comes from the gas tax. Encouraged residents to use the CRM website to report issues.

#### **New Council Member Introduction – Dr. Mark Keen**

Dr. Mark Keen introduced himself to the group. He is a resident of the Pines. New council member. Is currently Superintendent for Westfield Washington Schools. WWS is currently doing a national search for his replacement. There are 60 candidates who applied for the position.

#### **Westfield in Bloom – Melody Jones**

Melody Jones, Parks Director, gave a presentation regarding the upcoming Westfield in Bloom competition. Also would like to see people volunteer for Community Plant Day and Arbor Day.

#### **Citizens Westfield – Randy Edgemon**

Randy Edgemon discussed changes in the utilities over the last few years. Citizens has made changes to help customers. Dan Considine discussed history of combining bills and addition of payment options. Drop-off box and payment window at Westfield city services was eliminated. There are payment sites at Wal-Mart and Kroger sites in the area. Credit card payment fee is now waived. Offer online bill payment so you can pay through website. Offer budget billing for gas customers. Automatic bank deduction is an option. Have revamped the citizens website. Is now accessible with a variety of devices (PC, phone, tablet). Customers can chat with a customer service representative online. Also offer digital alerts. New online tool that allows customers to monitor energy and water usage.

Citizens can tap into reservoir of water and move it across Hamilton County. Has a long-term water supply process (all the way out to a 100-year timeframe). Can determine need/population growth. Confident will have the supply to meet the need. Development of 88-acre quarry into reservoir. 230 feet

deep. Will be the first reservoir developed in Central Indiana since Eagle Creek. Will hold 3 billion gallons of water (half the capacity of Geist). Will help with growth of Hamilton County.

Questions were raised about billing cycle and how many days were billed, as well as what units of measurement were used for calculations. Randy apologized for these issues and said he would find out what happened.

**Closing – Jim Ake**

Jim invited everyone to the Boy Scout Breakfast on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bridgewater Club.

Meeting at the U – will meet there in March due to renovation of city building. Will confirm when next month's agenda is sent out.

Litter – will want to discuss next time about involvement and how to make community look better.

Jim concluded the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.